Handloom Development Corporations, State Handloom Apex and Primary Societies, which can be utilised for the purposes viz., (i) interest subsidy (ii) rebate/discount; (iu.) capital/margin money for setting up of showrooms etc., and (iv) a,.v other purpose approved by the Central; and/c-r State Government subject to the condition that the amount of assistance will not exceed 8 per cent of average sales turnover of handloom fabrics made-ups and garments (excluding Janata Cloth) in the case of State Apex Societies/Corporations land 15 per cent of cash credit limit sanctioned by financial institutions jn the case of Primary Societies. The expendture on this scheme will be shared equally by the Central Government and Ihe concerned States.

Pak Rangers' Connection with Terrorists

2499. SHRl SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFA RS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistani Rangerg are al eged to be playing an active role both in smuggling of weapons and helping terrorists in crossing the bor der; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in thig regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC GRIEVANCES ANT) PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MIN" STRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes(Sir.

ib) The BSF have lodged protest with the Pak R<mgers o^ a number of occas'ons BSF have been strengthened together with border out-posfe observation post towers, sop-histicated equinments vehic'es etc. Snecial measures Fke wire fenc'ng wire obstacle flood lighting etc. in sensitive areas of Indo-Pak border are heing taken in hand.

Sale oi Gohj Ornaments bv Jeweller* in Delhi at Concessional Price

2500. SHRl RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state-
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(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in 'Vyapar' 0f Bombay dated the 6th February, 1989 regarding fradulent practice ' by jewellers in Delhi of selling gold ornaments cheaper than primary gold; if so, what action has been taken in the matter;

(b) whether Government are con sidering to effect stamping on gold ornaments to ensure its purity as is done in other countries; and

(c) what is the modus operandi of these jewellers who advertise in Delhi newspapers for sale of god ornaments at concessional price and what preventive action has been taken by the Department concern ed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE JN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) A news item is reported to have been published in "Vyapar' of Bombay dated 6th February, 1989, As there is no prc!e control on gold no action i» possible.

(b) Provision already exists under Gold Controi Act requirng every licensed dealer to stamp every piece Of article or ornament made, manu factured or prepared by h'.m certi fying the purity of gold.

(c) As there is no price control on gold, the dealers are at liberty to sell the ornaments at anv price. Sale at reduced rates is being done per haps bv cutting down on their pro fit, margin or with a view to dispose of accumulated stocks to save on interest and other inventory carry ing costs. If the dealers violate any

other provisions of law they will be liable for the same.

Textile Modernisation Fond Scheme

2501. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) which is the nodal agency for financ'ng under the Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme and what is the amount sanctioned in 19S6-87 and 1987-88;

(b) how many units, Statewise, were made viable and whether these units are still under operation;

(c) what is the total amount so far disbursed by various development financial institutions under the Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme and whether the textile sector has been benefited; if so, to what extent; and

(d) how many applications, Statewise, are stiil pending and the amount involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) IDBI ia the Nodal Agency fop financing under Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme. Assistance sanctioned under TMFS during 1986-87 (August-June) and 1987-88 (July-June) was Rs. 285.42 crores and Rs. 329.84 crores respectively.

(b) Rehabilitation Schemes were drawn up and assistance was sanctioned, under TMFS, for 11 textile units. All of these units except Lok-manya Mills, Barsi, are working. Lok-manya Mills is yet to avail of TMFS loan sanctioned. The Statewise list of the units is as follows:

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Unit
1	Andhra Pradesh	. Hemalatha Textiles Ltd.
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3	Gujarat .	. Rustom Mills and Industries Ltd.
4	Gujarat .	. Patel Mills Ltd.
5	Gujarat .	. Shree Pritvi Cotton Mills Ltd.
6	Haryana .	. Rama Fibres Ltd.
7	Maharashtra	. Lakshmi Vishnu Textiles Ltd.
8	Maharashtra	Lokmanya Mills (Barsi) Ltd.
9	Orissa	. Orissa Spg. Mills Ltd.
10	Tamil Nadu	. Sujani Textiles Ltd.
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(c) A sum of Rs. 315.92 crores has been disbursed under TMFS till the end of January 1989. It would be too early at this stage to assess the extent of benefits derived by the textile industry on account of implementation of the scheme as the disbursement of assistance under TMFS commended only by Dec., 1986/Jan., 13S7 and the average implementation period is around 15 months.